

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2005
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman Byrne was not present. Councilman Sheehan entered the meeting after the roll was called. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse and Starr Shuppert, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the October 4, 2005 meeting were presented for approval. McGowan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- The Public Forum for the Strategic Skills Initiative was held in Rushville on October 5 at the RCS Administrative Offices. We had approximately 40 members from the business and manufacturing community in attendance. The data will be compiled and used to develop the best strategic plan for Region 6.
- The City of Rushville was visited today by Migel Rivera and Mary Durbin Sparks, Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner for the Indiana Department of Labor. While in Rush County the commissioners visited 2 manufacturers, Fujitsu-Ten and Harcourt Outlines. They also spoke to the Rotary Club. Rivera explained new programs that are being initiated by the Department of Labor designed to work proactively to provide safety related consulting services for small business, as well as safety and hygiene training. This data based approach to safety assists them in identifying training needs before these trends become a problem for the Hoosier worker.
- Election Day has again become a topic. As you know there are no elections this year. It was a suggestion by the handbook committee to eliminate Election Day as a holiday. An employee would be given ample time to vote. The committee has chosen to recommend substituting the day after Thanksgiving as a holiday and Christmas Eve. The committee hasn't completed its duties as yet, but I think this may be the year to make the change. Sheehan said he thought the employees would probably prefer being off after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. Fields asked if this would also include the Utilities. Bridges said he would recommend that it did include the Utilities. Sheehan made a motion to eliminate Election Day as a holiday and give the day after Thanksgiving off

and Christmas Eve off. If the holiday falls on a weekend they will be given either the Friday before or the Monday after. (This year Christmas Eve is on Saturday, so they would have Friday off. Christmas is on Sunday so they would have Monday off.) Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * *

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS * * *

Fields said the Redevelopment Commission is still meeting. The next meeting will be in December.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Park – Mathews reminded everyone of the Halloween parade at 5:30 on the 31st.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Fiber Update – Aaron Young said the manhole is in place along with the sub duct. The computer equipment is in and is being programmed. They are hoping to start pulling fiber next week.

ECDC – Greg Griffin gave an update on the ECDC. He said the strategic committees and round tables are meeting. They are getting more and more contacts for prospective companies. They are working with 2 industries that are wishing to expand.

Sub Division Control Ordinance – Joe Ratz presented the updates on the Sub Division Control Ordinance. It will be presented to the APC on October 25th.

Pavey made a motion to approve the Sub Division Control Ordinance including the PUD and RV changes. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Confined Feeding Facility – Bill Todd said there will be a meeting in the assembly room on November 8th at 7:30 p.m., regarding the confined feeding facilities. Members of the APC, Board of Zoning Appeals, City and County officials, and housing committee are all urged to attend.

Fields made a motion to approve a letter that was presented to Council to send to the Commissioners, with the deletion of the second paragraph. This letter is regarding a 2 mile buffer zone. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Annexation Project – Jeff Peters gave an update on the progress of the annexation project. The sewer portion of the project has begun.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Transfer Resolution 2005-22 - Sheehan made a motion to approve transfer resolution 2005-22. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FOP Lease – Mike Jessup and Monty McMahan asked to renew their lease for the back portion of the fire department for the FOP. The roof is leaking and they have applied to the Rush County Community Foundation for a grant. The lease will be addressed at the next meeting.

Claims – Sheehan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council, Fields made a motion to adjourn. Pavey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:
ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER